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[Jenni Ferguson \(Dental Champions Class 6\)](#) is the new Clinical Director at [TeamSmile](#). She was previously the Children's Oral Health Program Manager at the KDHE Bureau of Oral Health.

As one of her many Clinical Director duties, Jenni will be the lead person to ensure patients receive the dental care needed

## Thank you to our first conference sponsors!

Thank you to our first sponsors for our 2017 OHK conference in November! THANK YOU Kansas Department of Health and Environment, (KDHE), Bureau of Oral Health and AmeriHealth Caritas for your generous gift.



Sponsorship's and exhibit spots are still available! If you are interested, please visit our [website](#) for more information.



and finding a dental home. She will be evaluating all aspects of the programs and execute improvements.



Congratulations on your new opportunity, Jenni!

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### Talking solutions to better your community

On June 22, OHK will be gathering southeast Kansans in Pittsburg to talk about their oral health concerns in their area and what services lack in Kansas. This is an opportunity for us to hear you and for us to work together on solutions.

RSVP to Doug  
[dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org)  
or call 785-235-6039

Click [here](#) to view the flyer with more details!

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### Tobacco Free Kansas sponsors national recognized speaker

Tobacco Free Kansas is excited to announce Dr. Valerie Yerger, NU, as the featured speaker at the upcoming Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 22. Dr. Yerger will present at noon her work with tobacco use among marginalized communities as well as the tobacco industry targeting youth with flavored menthol in cigarettes.

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## The importance of oral health education for community health workers

Last week during the Community Health Worker Symposium in Wichita, OHK's Dental Program Director Kathy Hunt, spoke with participants about the importance of having conversations with families about oral health. Community Health Worker's are critical connections to communities and can assist families and communities to adopt healthy behaviors, to include oral health. They also can help with resources to find a dental home for families.



Interested in learning more? Click [here](#) to watch a video of Kathy presenting the information.

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## 2017 legislative session wraps up

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## Men, give yourself a gift on Father's Day: a healthy mouth!

When it comes to oral health, [statistics](#) show that the average man brushes his teeth 1.9 times a day and will lose 5.4 teeth by age 72. It's important for men to take care of their mouths. Good oral health is also linked to longevity.

Think of your mouth as a car. Oral health prevention is similar to maintenance on a car. The more you take care of your mouth, the more mileage you get out of it! How else is your mouth similar to your car? Click [here](#) to read the similarities!



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## Use this summer to talk about healthy beverage options

It's summer and along comes the summer heat! Reserve a sugary drink display for an event, health fair, day care or summer camp to show everyone healthy beverage options they can be choosing!

Our sugary drink display has 10

The Legislature has concluded the 2017 session. In the final days the Legislature overrode the Governor's veto of a tax bill to address state revenue. The Legislature has also sent the Governor a school finance formula and funding that he has not yet signed or vetoed. If the Governor signs the bill, it will go to the Kansas Supreme Court for review. If the Court rejects the new formula, the Legislature may have to return to make modifications to the formula.

Senate Bill 30-tax and revenue policy  
House and Senate also passed SB 30 the tax bill to fund the budget and the school finance on June 5th. The Governor vetoed the bill on June 6th and was overridden on the same day in the Senate 27-13 and in the House 88-31.

- Repeals the LLC and small business tax exemption retroactive to 1/1/17.
- Ends the "march to zero taxes" that capped government spending and triggers additional income tax reductions after 2019.
- Reduces the low-income exclusion threshold from \$12,500 to \$5,000 for married filers and from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for single filers.
- The bill eliminates the current two tier individual income tax rate begun in 2012 and imposes a three tier income tax rate phased in with the top rates in three categories:
  - \$0-30,000 increase rate from 2.7% to 3.1%.  
(pre-2012 rate had been 3.5%).
  - \$30,000-60,000 increase rate from 4.6% to 5.25%.  
(pre-2012 rate had been 6.25%).
  - Over \$60,000 increase rate from

popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!

Reserving yours ahead of time ensures you can get the date(s) you need. [Sign up now!](#)



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4.6% to 5.7%.  
(pre-2012 rate was 6.45%).

- Restores in phased system the medical expense deductions; mortgage interest and property tax deductions; child and dependent care tax credit.
  - All allowed at 50 % in Tax Year 18; 75 % in Tax Year 19; and 100% in 20 and thereafter (except mortgage interest deduction already at 50% would be 75% in Tax Year 19 and 100% in Tax Year 20.
- The bill raises \$591 million in FY 18; \$633 million in FY 19; and \$617 million in FY 20.
- STAR bond authority is renewed for three years (with a moratorium on new projects in the first year.)

#### Wrap up

Provided the Kansas Supreme Court approves the school finance plan, the legislature will return for the ceremonial final day on June 26 and adjourn until January 8, 2018.



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